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Claims Listing

1. (Currently amended) A holder for supporting pita pockets[[,]] and tacos [[, and any likewise shaped item]] in and upright position comprising: a) an outer surface wherein a portion of said outer surface and related inner surface is a segment of a [[substantially]] thin walled cylinder less than .040 inch thick having a curvilinear geometry about an axis, and b) a [[stable]] base, established by contact points that lie on a common base plane wherein said contact points are positioned on opposing edge portions of said outer surface, and c) item receptacle [[means]] positioned within said outer surface sized slightly wider than said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos to provide side support and also provides bottom support of said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos orientating the length of said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos generally transverse to said axis, and d) handle means to carry said holder with said pita pockets and tacos installed, and also e) an interior volume accessible from an underside open expanse between said opposing edge portions, allowing multiple said holders to be stacked one upon the other.

2. (Currently amended) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said receptacle [[means]] comprises a single or plurality of receptacles positioned in said outer surface for supporting [[multiples]] multiple [[of]] said [[item]] pita pockets, and tacos.

3. (Currently amended) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said receptacle [[means]] comprises a single or plurality of apertures penetrating the said outer surface.

4. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said receptacle means comprises a single or plurality of substantially thin walled impressions formed to

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contour to said item, wherein downward facing sidewalls are sufficiently tapered for stacking multiple said holders one on the other.

5. (Original) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said handle means comprises a minimum of one extension from the topside of said outer surface.

6. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said handle means comprises a minimum of one opening within said outer surface.

7. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said handle means incorporates added materials to improve gripping properties, and heat insulating properties.

8. (Original) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein stiffening means are formed into said holder.

9. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said stable base incorporates added material to improve friction and gripping properties, and heat insulation properties.

10. (Currently amended) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein multiple [[devices]] said holders are formed from multiple sheets of material stacked together and formed in a [[sequential]] forming process.

11. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 1 wherein said stable base incorporates attachment means to secure said holder to serving surfaces.

12. (Currently amended) A holder for supporting pita pockets [[.]] and tacos [[. and any likewise shaped item]] in and upright position comprising: a) an outer surface wherein a portion of said outer surface and related inner surface is a segment of a [[substantially]] thin walled cylinder less than .040 inch thick having

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a curvilinear geometry about an axis, and b) a [[stable]] base, established by contact points that lie on a common base plane wherein said contact points are positioned on opposing edge portions of said outer surface, and c) item receptacle [[means]] positioned within said outer surface sized slightly wider than said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos to provide side support and also provides bottom support of said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos orientating the length of said [[item]] pita pockets and tacos generally transverse to said axis, and d) handle means to carry said holder with said pita pockets and tacos installed, and also e) an open interior volume accessible from an underside open expanse between said opposing edge portions, allowing multiple said holders to be stacked one upon the other, and f) stiffening means formed into said holder.

13. (Currently amended) The holder as recited in claim 12 wherein said receptacle [[means]] comprises a single or plurality of receptacles positioned in said outer surface for supporting [[multiples]] multiple [[of]] said [[item]] pita pockets, and tacos.

14. (Original) The holder as recited in claim 12 wherein said stiffening means comprises areas of raised or indented geometric features in said outer surface.

15. (Original) The holder as recited in claim 12 wherein said stiffening means comprises edge features formed on said outer surface.

16. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 12 wherein said stable base incorporates attachment means to serving surfaces.

17. (Original) The holder as recited in claim 15 wherein said edge features comprises extended downward facing tapered sidewall of said outer surface on one or both ends of said holder positioned transverse to said axis.

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18. (Withdrawn) The holder as recited in claim 17 wherein said handle means comprises an opening in said extended tapered sidewall.

19. (Currently amended) The holder as recited in 12 wherein said holder [[has environmental resistance to cooking ovens]] is resistant to heat exposure.

20. (Withdrawn) A holder for supporting pita pockets, tacos, and any likewise shaped item in an upright position comprising: a) an outer surface wherein a portion of said outer surface and related inner surface is a segment of a substantially thin walled cylinder having a curvilinear geometry about an axis, and b) a stable base, established by contact points that lie on a common base plane wherein said contact points are positioned on opposing edge portions of said outer surface, and c) item receptacle means, positioned within said outer surface sized slightly wider than said item to provide side support and also provides bottom support of said item orientating the length of said item generally transverse to said axis, and d) handle means to carry said holder with said item installed, and e) an open interior volume accessible from an underside open expanse between said opposing edge portions, allowing multiple said holders to be stacked one upon the other, and f) stiffening means formed into said holder, and g) attachment means on said stable base to secure said holder to a serving surface.

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